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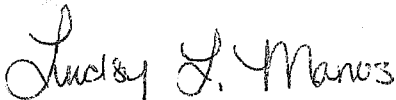
Dear Dr. Fasano:

For many years Physician Assistants have been safely and effectively prescribing patient medications under the supervision of allopathic physicians. All Physician Assistants receive equal medical training. Therefore, osteopathic physicians should have authority equal to their allopathic colleagues in regard to delegating prescriptive privileges. Once issued, these regulations should be worded identical to those of the allopathic physicians. Otherwise, unnecessary confusion will result in the clinical setting.

If Physician Assistants were given the opportunity to prescribe under osteopathic physicians, numerous benefits would follow for all persons involved. Prescriptive authority would increase the value of Physician Assistants to osteopathic physicians. Patient waiting times would be decreased, more appointments could be scheduled, and physicians would be more available in complicated cases. It would also increase employment for Physician Assistants in osteopathic practices. These job openings would encourage newly graduated Physician Assistants to remain in Pennsylvania. As a Gannon University student, the inability for me to prescribe under osteopathic physicians makes it far less likely that I will seek employment in Pennsylvania upon graduation. Other states offer more opportunities to well-educated graduates. Not allowing osteopathic physicians prescriptive privileges encourages newly graduated Physician Assistants to leave the state.

I hope great consideration will be given to this matter. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Yours,



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